

THE STORY OF A FARMER'S BOY.

Where the daisies fringed the meadows
And the dandelion stars
Glowed and glinted on the hill side,
Just beyond the pasture bars,
Brave young Robin idly waited,
While the homeward turning cows
Followed one by one, the pathway
Or the grasses paused to browse.
Brave young Robin, strong and ruddy,
Like Apollo, perfect limed,
Eye as fearless as the eagle,
Ere captivity had dimmed,
Leant against the slender Hawthorn
Crowned with wreaths of snowy bloom,
And his fancy like the shuttle
Weaving thro' the threaded loom,
To and fro went wandering swiftly,
Till some half formed plan, it seemed,
Shaped and rounded out completely,
Over which he long had dreamed.
Then he spoke: Oh, hill and valley,
I have loved you, and to me
There is much of trust beauty
In your grass and flower and tree.
But beyond the world's calling
And with sweet persuasive lore,
Bids me come, nor linger tilling
Where my fathers tilled before.
I will go and fame and fortune
Find, and bring to those I love
Father, mother, Willie, Bessie,
Each shall share my treasure trove.
They will mourn and they will miss me,
But I'll go this very night
Lest they hinder—they'll forgive me
When I show them I was right."
Brave young Robin, strong young Robin,
Never more at set of sun
At thy bidding homeward turning
Will the cows go, one by one.
For afar, amid the toilers,
In the race for fame and wealth,
Robin plans and fights the battle
At the price of strength and health.
But alas! the goal when nearing,
Finds of fortune sweep him down;
And bereft, despairing, maddened,
Robin loses his crown.
And with broken health and spirits
Sinks yet lower in the scale,
Degradation never shunning
When the toiler's will is ailed.
Till at last, when years had faded,
Some one passing by the bars
Saw among the fringe of daisies
And the dandelion stars.
Where the Hawthorn's crown of blossoms
Sweet and fragrant incense shed,
Prone upon his face, poor Robin,
Robin, which and where dead.
Home they bore him, where had waited
Father, mother, growing gray,
Willie grown to strolling manhood,
Bessie fair as flowers in May.
And with tender hands they laid him
Down where once his ringing voice
In the tone of loving greeting
Made his mother's heart rejoice.
Brave young Robin, strong young Robin;
Wasted in the world's strife—
Vain, delusive, evanescent—
His was but a ruined life.

—ROSA FRANK.

SOCIETY NEWS.

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Oh! Lenten days, you used to be for fasting,
For sober men and grave attire,
For prayer and sacrifice, etc.
And tasks that seemed to sinners dire.
But now—well, now there's still the fasting
And mids and matrons plainly dress,
But how they cost and stand of praying,
They're studying new spring styles, I guess.

SEDALIA.

—Miss Effie Yeater is the guest of friends in Moberly.
—Miss Mamie Hopkins is the guest of friends in Dresden.
—Miss Julia Miller is the guest of friends in Hannibal.
—Miss Sallie Moss, of Paris, Mo., is the guest of friends in this city.
—Miss Mary Tutt, of Calhoun, is the guest of friends in West Fifth street.
—Mr. C. C. Morse and wife, of Windsor, were the guests of friends in this city yesterday.

—Miss Lizzie Light was the guest of friends here left for her home in Brownsville last week.
—Mrs. Durand, of this city was called to Greenridge last week by the illness of her son Edward.
—Mrs. Geo. Gold and children left last Wednesday for a six weeks' visit with friends in Ohio.

—The Chautauqua circle will meet tomorrow evening at the office of Mr. W. A. East, corner of Second and Ohio streets.
—Miss Gussie Ray, of Parsons, left late of St. Louis, arrived in this city last Tuesday, and will remain during the summer.
—Miss Mamie Rider and Ollie Morrow, who have been the guests of friends in this city left for their home in Warrensburg, Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Smith, who have been in New York, Boston and other eastern cities, will make a visit in Ohio before returning here.

—Miss Lola Howard, of Sweet Springs passed through this city last Thursday en route to her home from a visit with friends in Jefferson City.

—Mrs. F. C. Farr and her sister Miss Emma Whitsett passed through this city last week en route to the home of the latter in Pleasant Hill.

—The matinee was well attended yesterday, the weather being delightful and the ladies and children glad to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air.

—The Congregational church social, which was to have been given last Thursday evening, was postponed owing to the unpropitious state of the weather.

—Mrs. C. J. Carlson, who has been spending some months with her relatives, the family of Mr. George Snedaker, left last Wednesday for her home in Denver.

—Miss Minnie Whiteman, formerly of this city, was married to Mr. S. A. Mentzer at the residence of Mr. H. A. Toland near Greenridge last Sunday, in the presence of a large number of friends.

—Little Miss Mattie Buckner was awarded the first prize for a temperance essay read at the Broadway seminary Friday afternoon. As there were a number of competitors the little lady deserves great praise.

—A pleasant party was given at the residence of G. W. Dixon, last Wednesday evening. About twenty-five guests were present, and the time was merrily whiled away with games and conversation. A very finely prepared and served supper was one of the evening's features.

—Miss Ella Beck brought with her from

Lexington Baptist college a fine specimen of crayon work. The shading is perfect and the finish careful, displaying much skill upon the part of both teacher and pupil. Miss Ella will return to Lexington some time this week.

—The Ohio street Methodist ladies met at the residence of Mrs. Hain last Thursday, and had a pleasant meeting. The next meeting will take place next Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Chas. McLaughlin, on Seventh street.

—Miss Nellie Parrish, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. J. J. Betts, of Eldorado, Kas., last Wednesday evening. A large number of friends were present to do honor to the occasion and an elegant supper was served. The presents were handsome and appropriate.

—Miss Lucie Bapple, an intelligent and accomplished young lady of this city, who has won considerable praise as an elocutionist, will be united in marriage, it is said, about the 10th of next month to Mr. C. F. McVey, a gentleman who is well known to a large circle of friends in this city.

—The ladies of the Congregational church held a sewing society meeting at the residence of Mrs. R. H. Moses, on Ohio street last Friday. The occasion was pleasant and profitable. The next meeting will take place at the residence of Mrs. Philip Hahn, and everybody will be made welcome who feel a desire to come.

C. B. L.

The C. B. L. society held an unusually pleasant meeting last Thursday at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Wallace. The hostess served her guests with elegant refreshments, and the time was rapidly and pleasantly whiled away. Among the guests present were, Mesdames J. M. Pilkington, E. Hurley, T. D. Quinn, M. E. Conner, F. Moffatt, James Glass, J. P. Lafferty, P. O. Connell, E. G. Cassidy, J. Brickle. The next meeting of the society will take place at the residence of Mrs. E. G. Cassidy, and the occasion promises to be as pleasant as the preceding ones.

PLEASANT PARTY.

The Theopian quartette gave a pleasant entertainment at the residence of Major Beck in honor of his daughter, Miss Ella Beck, last Friday evening. The occasion was one of enjoyment to the participants and the time was rapidly whiled away with dancing, vocal music, etc. The young ladies were very handsomely attired, nearly all being in full dress, while the gentlemen looked well and were gay and gallant. A fine supper was served to the guests by the careful hostess at midnight. Some excellent punch added to the festivities.

The ladies present were: Mesdames Isabel Daniel, Della Hardcastle, Aggie Stewart, Annie Simonds, Sue Evans, Minnie Barrett, Ollie Black, Edna Johnson, Mary Lampton, Mamie Demuth, Mesdames Fred Van Camp and Callie Hardcastle. The gentlemen present were: Messrs Ernest and Gus Lamy, Will Courney, Fred Phillips, J. W. Hurd, Frank and Callie Hardcastle, Fred Van Camp, Elmer Williams, S. K. Bullard, Chas. Rockwell, James Snedaker, L. Robinson, Ed and Lin Ilgenfritz, Rich Deane, F. Guenther, H. Eales, D. H. Black, Joe Black and Bronte Demuth.

The dance music was furnished by Miss Rose B-sley, Prof. Gregg and Mr. Fred Van Camp.

PIANO RECITAL.

Quite a number of guests assembled Friday afternoon to listen to a piano recital, as given by the pupils of Mrs. M. Donohoe, the well known and able music teacher, at her residence, corner of Seventh and Lamine streets.

The young ladies had made no especial preparation, but furnished according to the monthly custom, a most enjoyable entertainment. The first numbers of the programme were furnished by two intelligent little ladies, Misses Fannie Buckner and Irene Temple. They gave "Daisy waltzes" in very good time and were heartily praised by their listeners.

Miss Cora Beck followed with a very pretty waltz, which she played well, and was in turn followed by Misses Belle Herold and Mattie Kennedy, in a song entitled "Under the Silver Stars." Both of the young ladies possess sweet and harmonious voices, Miss Belle as soprano, Miss Mattie as alto.

Miss Stella Bostright gave an arrangement of the beautiful music of "Rock of Ages," which was full of rich chords and tender harmonies. Miss Bostright played it well.

"Nocturne," by Leybach, was finely rendered by Miss Mattie Miller and gave her hearers much pleasure.

"Invitation to the Gallop," a composition of Bendel, was given by Miss Emma Crandall in that young lady's well known brilliant style, and as the music itself is spirited and beautiful, the "Invitation to the Gallop" was highly appreciated.

Miss May Cobine always is a success as a pianiste and her selection yesterday of Heydn's "Ninth Sonata" was listened to with pure enjoyment.

"Cornet March," a composition by Miss Libbie Van Wagner, a former pupil of Mrs. Donohoe, was finely given by Miss Addie West. This young lady made no use of the written music, but played from memory.

"Gertrude Waltz," a charmingly pretty little piece of music by Miss May Cobine, was given by little Miss Mattie Buckner in fine style, and won favorable comment.

"Bohemian Chant," by Cramer, was given by Miss Anna Simonds, who is a careful and skillful performer. She played entirely from memory, but made not a single mistake.

Miss Ella Beck, a former pupil of Mrs. M. Donohoe, but who has been under the tuition of Prof. Gimble, of Lexington, for some time, being present, she was induced to give a selection. Her playing is simply faultless, and those who heard her Friday enjoyed a rare pleasure.

Taken altogether the piano recital was exceedingly pleasant, and the pupils acquitted themselves admirably.

Society Elsewhere.

HOLDEN.

—Mrs. Dr. S. C. James paid a flying visit to her parents in Cooper county.

—Mrs. Sarah McCoy, wife of Hugh McCoy of Warrensburg, died at her residence in that city, on the 18th inst.

—Miss Jennie Asbury stopped off in this city and visited friends while on her way from Lawson to her home in Warrensburg last week.

—Mr. J. H. Blewitt returned last week

from a ten days' visit to Kentucky and Tennessee. His trip south was of a business nature connected with his guardianship of Mrs. Florence Andrews, nee Boyd.

—Last week the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burris, of this city, took place. Mr. Burris was on a visit to Kansas City at the time, and the lady friends of Mrs. Burris arranged a complete surprise by assembling at her residence, and bestowing some handsome presents, consisting of an elegant chamber set and several pieces of china ware. Mrs. B. right regally entertained her guests.

SHELDON.

—Mrs. Mary F. Houghton was in the Gem city on Tuesday.

—Miss Ella Lowry visited Nevada on Saturday and returned Monday.

—Mrs. Bradbury of Independence, Kansas, has been on a protracted visit with her sister, Mrs. Ella Lowry, in this city.

—Capt. E. C. Bright was in the Future Great a few days since. He and his family will soon leave for their home at Salem, Dent county, this state.

CLINTON.

—The C. S. C. give another of their pleasant, social hops on Thursday evening next.

—Mrs. John Long of Walker, and Mrs. T. J. Elliott, of Montrose were in the city Wednesday.

—Miss Grace Montgomery has gone to Denver, Col., for her health. She will probably be absent all summer.

—Mrs. Kate Danwelder of Brownington, left Tuesday evening to visit her old home in Illinois for a couple of weeks.

—Miss Lura Owen, who has been teaching a school in Windsor for the past two months or more, in place of the teacher proper, returned home last night.

—The W. C. T. U., will give a concert at the M. E. church Thursday evening, March 27th, the proceeds to go toward furnishing Clinton with a public reading room.

—W. H. Cock visited Lexington on his return from St. Louis, and brought home his daughter, Miss Jessie, who will return to school after a short visit. She has recently recovered from an attack of measles.

MEXICO.

—J. W. Beatty and wife have returned from a pleasant visit east.

—Miss Mattie Potts, of California, is visiting the family of Dr. French.

—Father O'Leary, formerly of Mexico, now of DeSota, Mo., is building a fine church.

—Married, at the residence of the bride's brother on Long Branch, Audrain county, Mo., Sunday, March 23, 1884, by Rev. M. B. Broadus, Mr. George Young and Miss Robinson.

BROWNVILLE.

—Mrs. W. P. Shaw returned Sunday from a visit to Marshall.

—Mrs. North, of Labadie, Mo., visited her daughter, Mrs. B. W. Robinson, last week.

—Miss Alice J. Hart is teaching a three month's school in the neighborhood of Judge Sparks.

—Mr. S. F. Cockerill, wife and children, of Ridge Prairie, visited at Mr. J. W. Wilson's this week.

—Miss Kate Elliott left Tuesday morning for a short visit to relatives and friends in Miami and Marshall.

—Mrs. G. W. Mathews went to Marshall last week in response to a telegram announcing the death of his brother Phil's wife.

MOBERLY.

—Mrs. M. Dosh of Miami, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. E. Kelly, for the past three weeks, left for her home yesterday.

PARSONS.

—Miss Celia Allen is visiting in Che-topa.

—Mayor Gabriel and wife returned from Topeka Thursday morning.

—Miss Addie Miller, of Oswego, has been visiting Mrs. W. L. Frye this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sheeder, of Denison, are visiting W. R. Arey, Mrs. Sheeder's father.

—Mrs. H. W. Chaffee left Monday morning for a visit with friends at Burlington, Ottawa and Garnett.

The miscellaneous meeting of the Young Ladies' reading club was held with Miss Dora Emery Saturday afternoon.

—Miss D. A. Wicks, sister of Mrs. E. A. Weeks, left Tuesday for Long Island, New York, after a visit here of six months.

The dance at the opera house on Thursday night was a Mother Hubbard mask party, in which both ladies and gentlemen in attendance were attired in that famous garment.

VERMILIAES.

—Mrs. B. R. Richardson returned last Monday from a visit to friends in Rich Hill.

—Mrs. A. M. Gibbs is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Logan, of Aurora Springs.

—Mrs. Walter Ball left last Tuesday to join her husband at their new home in Pettis county.

—Mrs. Josie Lutterich, accompanied by her sweet little daughter, Bessie, and Mrs. Tassie Ellis, of Gatesville, Texas, arrived Thursday. They will spend the summer here visiting the family of their mother, Mrs. E. Hannay, and their numerous friends in this city and vicinity.

JEFFERSON CITY.

—Mrs. E. B. Ewing left Thursday for St. Louis.

—Miss Janet Ewing went to Fulton Thursday morning.

—Miss Ray, daughter of Judge R. D. Ray, left Thursday for a visit to Carrollton.

—Mrs. W. E. Coleman returned home Thursday from a visit to friends at Warrensburg.

—Miss Marie Hough returned to Godfrey, Ill., Tuesday, to resume her studies at Monticello Seminary.

—Mrs. T. B. Price returned to Brownsville Thursday afternoon. She had been visiting the family of Col. J. B. Price, of this city.

—Mrs. J. L. Smith and Miss Claudia Chappell left for Boonville Monday to attend several days visiting friends in the "Vine Clad" city.

REPUBLICAN ROW.

That Was What the County Convention Held Yesterday Terminated In.

One of the Most Disgraceful Political Conventions Ever Held in Sedalia.

The Lie Passes Freely, and With Difficulty a Flight is Prevented.

The Convention Adjourns Without Transacting the Business Before It.

Proceedings of Conventions at Other Places With List of Delegates Selected.

Pursuant to call of the Central Committee, the republican voters of Pettis county assembled in mass convention at Smith's hall at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the purpose of electing eight delegates to the state convention which convenes in this city April 9th, and eight delegates to the congressional district convention which meets here on the same date at 8 o'clock a. m.

Although the attendance was not very large, there seemed to be a hard, settled expression of countenance on the physiognomy of the old war horses, which foreboded trouble.

The convention was called to order by E. W. Sinclair, chairman of the county central committee, who announced that the first order of business would be the election of a permanent chairman. For this position E. G. Wilkerson nominated E. W. Sinclair, and then commenced.

THE PRELIMINARY SKIRMISH.

Mr. Wilkerson was about to put the question on his nomination of Mr. Sinclair, when R. D. Middleton arose and stated that he desired to make another nomination, in the interest of the country people, and named Joseph Warren, of Smithton.

Mr. Wilkerson said that he had no axe to grind, and had nominated Mr. Sinclair merely as a compliment to that gentleman. Doc Middleton was about to withdraw his nomination of Mr. Warren, when a gentleman in his rear prodded him in the back and told him to hold on.

It was suggested that it would be well to have a secretary, and Louis Hoffman was appointed temporary secretary.

Mr. Morey said that he hoped that there would be no strife engendered between the city and country.

Mr. Faulhaber, as a compromise, nominated Col. W. F. Cloud for chairman. Col. Cloud positively declined. After some further desultory discussion, the vote was about to be taken on the names of Messrs. Sinclair and Warren, when it was discovered that the latter gentleman was not present, whereupon Mr. Sinclair was unanimously elected permanent chairman. Louis Hoffman was elected permanent secretary.

SITTING DOWN ON FILLEY.

E. G. Wilkerson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates elected by this convention to represent Pettis county in the state convention at Sedalia, are instructed that they recognize no other state convention except that called by the republican committee of which Col. R. T. Van Horn is chairman, and that they recognize no other convention called by any other person.

In support of his resolution Mr. Wilkerson said that he did not desire to make war upon Filley, but thought that the republican party had no further use for him; that Mr. Filley had always had a personal axe to grind, and sold the patronage of the state.

He referred to Mr. Filley maintaining an office brokerage bureau in Washington, and concluded by saying that such a man should be deposed from the chairmanship of the state central committee. Remarks were made by several in support of the resolution.

Squire Fisher thought this convention was not the proper place to settle differences existing between Mr. Filley and Col. Van Horn, and moved as a substitute for Mr. Wilkerson's resolution the following:

Resolved that this convention, in the interest of unity and harmony in the party, will not raise in this meeting nor discuss past differences, nor the comparative merits of any person or persons in the party for positions of honor and trust, but will deliver to the voice and will of the party in convention assembled all of these differences.

Mr. Wilkerson said that four years ago Mr. Filley was elected chairman of the state central committee, and that two years ago he

SET AT DEFIANCE.

the wishes of the party and refused to call a state convention. A large majority of the party refused to be thus dictated to by Mr. Filley, and held a convention in spite of him and elected Col. R. T. Van Horn chairman of the state central committee.

Mr. Morey raised the point of order that the substitute of Squire Fisher was out of order, because it had no connection with the original resolution. The chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

A gentleman from the country spoke in opposition to Mr. Wilkerson's resolution, stating that in the convention held two years ago, there were only forty-eight counties represented, while the remaining fifty-five counties tacitly supported Filley by failing to send representatives to the convention.

Judge Shirk took issue with the gentleman from the rural districts, and said that there were ninety counties represented in the last state convention, but even if there were but forty-eight, as stated by the gentleman, they represented forty-eight forty-ninths of the republican party of the state.

W. F. Henry made quite an extended speech in favor of the Wilkerson resolution, in which he said that

TWO CONVENTIONS.

would convene in this city on the 9th of April and it was important that delegates should be instructed which one to attend.

Squire Fisher replied that in some instances there might probably be two sets of delegates, but that there would be only one convention.

A vote was then taken on Squire Fisher's substitute, and it was snowed under, there being but three votes in the affirmative. The original resolution as offered by Mr. Wilkerson was then adopted, there being but one dissenting vote.

T. B. Anderson moved that the convention proceed to ballot for eight delegates to the state convention, the eight gentlemen receiving the highest number of votes to be declared elected.

Col. Cloud offered an amendment to the effect that there be five delegates from the country and three from the city.

Judge Conner offered an amendment to the amendment, that three of the delegates be selected from the western district of the county, and five from the eastern district. Judge Shirk raised the point of order that this was not a delegate convention, and hence delegates could not be selected by districts. Judge Conner became excited, and said that he

WOULD NOT BE SET DOWN ON, because he was a farmer, and demanded that his amendment be considered. A vote was then taken on the amendment to the amendment, and it was rejected.

F. A. Sampson offered as a substitute for the original motion and the amendment of Col. Cloud that five delegates, one of which should be a colored man, be elected from the city and three from the country.

An excited countryman moved that Sedalia elect the eight delegates, five from the city and three black colored men from the country. He was promptly squelched and the vote being taken on the motion as amended it was adopted by a large majority.

On motion of Judge Shirk it was ordered that the election of delegates to the congressional district convention be held at the same time, as the election for delegates to the state convention, the basis of representation of the city, the country and the colored men being the same.

On motion a recess of five minutes was taken for the purpose of preparing ballots. Then

THREE GREAT EXHIBITIONS UNDER ONE CANVAS

commenced. The Sedalia men assembled in the center of the hall. The rural rosters took position on the right, while the colored brethren held the left.

The city caucus was of course most numerous attended, and here was the center of interest. A. P. Morey was appointed chairman and a number of nominations were made, after which a ballot was taken, resulting in the choice of the gentlemen named below:

G. L. Faulhaber.....30
J. K. Merrifield.....29
Mc D. Demuth.....28
Ira Hinsdale.....28

Before the result of the deliberations of the caucus had been announced to the convention, the voice of F. A. Sampson was heard above the noisy conversation of the excited throng, stating that the whole arrangement

HAD BEEN CUT AND DRIED, as was shown by the fact that printed tickets had been circulated, and that he for one did not propose to be made an ass and a fool in that kind of style.

The chairman of the caucus reported the list of delegates above named to the convention.

Mr. Faulhaber arose and stated that he most positively declined to serve on a delegation selected in any such manner and requested that his name be stricken from the list.

Before any action was taken on the report presented by Mr. Morey, Mr. Wilkerson desired that the list of delegates to the district convention be read. Mr. Morey replied that no delegates to the district convention had been selected.

Mr. Highleyman said that a ballot had been taken, but the chairman (Mr. Morey) had

REFUSED TO COUNT THE VOTES.

Mr. Wilkerson arose and said that he had no disposition to raise a row, and turning to Mr. Morey he said excitedly, "you did not count those votes because you did not want to." Then addressing the convention, Mr. Wilkerson said that the milk in the cocoanut was that the district convention named the two delegates to the Chicago convention, and that Mr. Morey had his men, but he did not suit the majority. [Applause and cries from several, "give it to him Wilkerson, you are right!"]

Warning up to his work, the speaker said that he did not care a damn to go to the convention, although he had been approached on the subject and had agreed to be a delegate to the congressional convention. He would not be squeezed and bulldozed by Mr. Morey or any one else.

Judge Shirk said he would have nothing to do with a convention, which according to the gentleman's (Wilkerson's) own confession, had been packed in the interest of certain parties; that he did not want to take part in a convention which Wilkerson and Sam Highleyman, the latter having been repudiated by the respectable element of the republican party on account of his corrupt practices, were attempting to control. At this juncture Mr. Highleyman, red with anger, mounted a chair, and leaning forward towards Judge Shirk, said that he would not be talked about in such a manner. "You are the man," he continued, shaking his finger at the judge, "whom the party repudiated, and that is the reason I relieved the nomination over you for the legislature."

"YOU ARE A LIAR!" retorted the judge, advancing towards Mr. Highleyman in a threatening manner. At this point a dozen men attempted to talk at once. A perfect uproar ensued. Judge Shirk threatened to slap Mr. Highleyman's face, and for awhile it seemed as if the convention would break up in a free fight. Partial order being finally restored, Mr. Morey obtained the floor, and said that he desired to reply to the grave charge brought against him by Mr. Wilkerson. He said that he had no idea of any cut and dried arrangement, and had come to the convention innocent of any intention to manipulate it in the interest of any one. The ballot for district delegates had not been reported, because, as chairman of the sub-convention he was not informed of the result of such ballot, and in fact, did not know that one had been taken. He

had been accused of having a man whom